



December 20, 2021

To Our Green Chimneys Families,

We have received notification that an individual at our Brewster campus has tested positive for COVID-19; they was last on campus Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. All staff and families of students who had close contact have been notified and are following appropriate health protocols.

Please note that COVID-19 is present in our region, and cases are rising with the increase in indoor activities and holiday gatherings. **The mask policy at Green Chimneys requires all employees, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a face mask indoors** when on campus, and under all circumstances when interacting with a student.

Green Chimneys is coordinating with the Putnam County Department of Health and closely monitoring the situation with all individuals on campus. We continue to follow all safety guidelines and do not expect to suspend in-person instruction at this time.

Parents should continue to monitor their child each day for symptoms of COVID-19, which could include fever, loss of taste or smell, headache, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, body aches and/or nausea.

If your child develops any symptoms, contact your child's health care provider as soon as possible. **If your child tests positive for COVID-19**, please call the Green Chimneys Health Center at 845.279.2995 ext. 253.

Maintaining best practices for safe distancing, wearing a mask at all times while indoors, diligent hand washing and sanitizing are our best defense against exposure. Please stay vigilant in following and enforcing best practices.

For information about Green Chimneys' procedures, please see our School Reopening Plan page at [www.greenchimneys.org/therapeutic-special-education/parentsfamilies/announcements/school-reopening-plan](http://www.greenchimneys.org/therapeutic-special-education/parentsfamilies/announcements/school-reopening-plan)

We will send any updates or additional information as needed. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 845.279.2995 ext. 100.

Thank you and stay well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Placke".

Ed Placke, Ed.D.  
Executive Director